



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patti Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 7700-03

PC: Kevin Poole, Director, Corporate Administration **DATE:** November 15, 2023
James Rice, Director, Operations Services
Jason Blood, Director, Recreation Services

FROM: Leah Walker, Manager, Customer Service - Recreation

SUBJECT: RECREATION & PARKS SERVICES AMENDMENTS TO FEES & CHARGES BYLAW

Recreation Services and Parks review fees annually. The Recreation and Parks Services (2024 Fees and Charges) Amendment Bylaw 5971 was adopted by Council on October 23, 2023 at their regular Council meeting.

Council, at their Regular meeting on October 23, 2023, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council endorse the tiered pricing and access system to Recreation Services programs and facilities, as follows:

- a) Vernon Residents will receive a 50% discount for all posted Recreation admission and rental rates.*
- b) Vernon Residents will receive a 25% discount for Recreation registered programs.*
- c) Vernon Residents will be provided access to register for programs two weeks before non-residents.*
- d) Municipalities and Electoral Areas will have an option to enter into a fee for service agreement which will entitle their citizens to participate with the same benefits as City of Vernon residents.*
- e) Non-Residents and residents of Municipalities and electoral areas who do not participate in a fee for service for their residents, will have an option to pay an additional fee to gain equal access*
 - a. Households can purchase a Vernon Resident Pass access card for \$800.00 per year*
 - i. This would allow all family members within the specified household to receive early access and discounts; Or*
 - b. Individuals can purchase an organized sport pass for \$375.00 per person per year.*

and as described in the report titled "Tiered Pricing and Access System for Recreation Services" respectfully submitted by the Director, Recreation Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to implement the tiered pricing and access system to Recreation Services programs and facilities by January 1, 2024.

As part of the recommendations within this report, administration was to adjust the Recreation and Parks Services (2024 Fees and Charges) Amendment Bylaw 5971 to reflect the tiered pricing system.

Definitions – Page 4

- For purposes of residency status and definitions, a modification of the Local Government Act for Voters (Sections 64 through 67) has been used.
- Residents have been defined as those residing in the City of Vernon or the owners City of Vernon Property or individual business owner (not a corporation). Residency criteria has also been set to ensure consistent documentation is required to determine residency status. This documentation is consistent with current requirements for other Recreation Services programs and services as well as requirements through the Local Government Act for Voters who are non-residents.
- In anticipation that there may be municipalities who enter in to a fee for service with the City of Vernon, a provision for those individuals in those municipalities has been added.

Vernon Resident Program – Page 11

- The Vernon Resident Program (VRP) has been added to clarify the requirements to be eligible for this program and how to get a cards (pass) issued. This also specifies what VRP members receive with membership, including a 50% discount on posted drop in rates.

Recreation Facilities Drop In Rates – Page 17

- Posted drop in rates have been updated for indoor recreation facilities.

Parks

Fees and charges for Parks included in this Bylaw are related to the service required to provide basic assistance to event organizers leading up to an event as well as ensuring that park areas are repaired and service levels are maintained following an event.

Special Park Event Permits – Page 40

- Barricade and Cone rentals have been updated to reflect the number of barricades that can fit in one truck load and the cost associated with this.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council, approve the proposed Amendments, as shown in red, to Schedule A of the Recreation & Parks Services Fees & Charges Bylaw #5977 for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2024 as outlined in Attachment "1" to the memorandum titled Recreation & Parks Services Amendments to Fees & Charges Bylaw, dated November 15, 2023 respectfully submitted by the Manager, Customer Service – Recreation.

Respectfully submitted:

Leah Walker

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Attachments Attachment 1 - Recreation Services Fees & Charges Bylaw 5977

Approved for the Agenda by the CAO 